

December 14, 2005 Airport Commission Minutes

Chairman Schober called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Vice-chairman Crowley, Commissioner Bruce and Secretary Richards were present. Others present: Michael Neau, Airport Admin; Val Ramos, Airport Admin; Keith Markano, Airport Manager; Chris Wodushek, Waukesha Flying Services; Ray Perry, Citizen; Ken Reese, Hangar Owner and Supervisor Rodell L Singert.

Approve/modify minutes of September 21, 2005 – A motion to approve the September 21, 2005 minutes was made by Vice-chairman Crowley with a second by Secretary Richards. The motion passed.

Public comment/correspondence – Supervisor Singert informed the Commission of the airport improvement plant for East Troy by Governor Doyle. He commended Mr. Markano on the good job he did on the presentation to Public Works Committee.

Chairman's report – Chairman Schober asked Mr. Perry for an update on the Airport Road research. Before starting on his report, Mr. Perry expressed his sincere appreciation for the commemorative plaque that was presented to him in November by the Commission. He said the plaque was totally unexpected, but was very happy to receive it. Mr. Perry met with Gary Evans, an engineer for Public Works, who informed him that the Airport Road layout was cast in granite. He said there are wetlands in this area and that there were no plans to complete the road in the future. Mr. Perry said perhaps government grants might be used to do this or maybe tie it in to another airport project. Mr. Perry said the County and community need to be made aware of what the Airport has to offer and the part it plays. Chairman Schober thanked Mr. Perry for his time on preparing this report.

Discussion and action on airport entrance road sign – Mr. Markano said that the Expo Center, Skating Arena and County parts have signs different from what County policy requires. Why not the Airport? Mr. Markano would like Public Works to review this policy and how it applies to the Airport. It might be a good idea to present Public Works some examples of signage for the Airport and see if meets County criteria. Chairman Schober commented that the present entrance sign to the Airport is much smaller than the wooden sign that was at the Bluemound Road entrance. This has been an issue since the new terminal building was built on Aviation Drive. There have been numerous complaints that the sign is not visible enough for people coming to the Airport. Commissioner Bruce, made a motion with a second by Vice-chairman Crowley, to present this item to Public Works and have them review County policy for airport signage. The motion passed.

Airport Manager's report – The AAAE and ACI are extremely concerned with the EPA's spill control and counter measure plan requirements. They continue to push EPA for a realistic cost effective means for dealing with the secondary containment for mobile fuelers policy. The date has been pushed back to February of 2006, with new a date for implementation of October 2007. This policy would affect Waukesha County/Crites Field Airport. On November 30th the President signed the Department of Transportation Airport Improvement Plan spending bill. Included in this bill is a provision for the Department of Homeland Security to work with FAA to study and report on General Aviation security within ninety days. The Airport will be added to the County Facilities five-year maintenance plan. Included in this plan are the Terminal, Tower and equipment building (which has building code issues). The T-hangars will be looked at later. Mr. Markano was contacted regarding the WI Aerospace Authority. WAMA was organized to call elected officials against this Authority. Mr. Markano informed the Commission that the new snow removal equipment vehicle arrived and today would be a big test for use on the airfield.

Mr. Neau informed the Commission that November fuel sales were a record high.

Future Commission agenda items - Airport Road project to Public Works; Public Relations publication; Bill Mitchell, WCED, speaker.

A motion to adjourn was made by Secretary Richards with a second by Commissioner Bruce. The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 a.m.

Next Commission Meeting: To Be Announced

Respectfully submitted

Dick Richards
Secretary
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